

## Parish Offerings – August 14, 2016

“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor 9:7)

Regular Offering (\$1,915) YP (\$11)	\$1,926.00
Holy Days (\$78) YP (\$4)	82.00
Votive Candles	97.50
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	\$2,105.50

### Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$652.00
Holy Days	60.00
Utilities (\$10) Improvements (\$20)	30.00
Votive Candles	76.00
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	\$818.00

## Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., (MR) 4:00 p.m. (41)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (61); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (51)

*Dormition & Transference into Heaven of the Most Holy Theotokos Aug. 15*

*Solemn Blessing of Flowers & Herbs — Sun., Aug 14 (MR) 7:00 p.m. (17)*

Mon, Aug 15 (MR) 9:00 a.m. (36); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (42)



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## THE 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Postfestive of the Dormition Feast — August 21, 2016



2015-2016 Extra-Ordinary Jubilee – THE YEAR OF MERCY

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**The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)**

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**SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY**

All Liturgical Services LIVE on UStream: [www.Ustream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church](http://www.Ustream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church)

Sunday Divine Liturgies  
Saturday (MR) 4:00 pm  
Sunday (MR) 9:00 am  
Holy Ghost (NS) 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Divine Liturgies  
w/Great Vespers (Oblig)  
(MR): 7:00 pm  
Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm

Daily Divine Liturgy  
M-F (MR) 8:00 am  
Sat. (NS) 9:00 am.

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Sat (MR): 3:15 to 3:40 pm & Sun (MR) 8:15 to 8:40 am.; (NS) 10:30 am

Holy Mysteries of Initiation: Contact Church Office for Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist.

Holy Mysteries of Anointing: Ask especially prior to surgery or any other time.

Holy Mystery of Matrimony: Contact pastor one year in advance; Pre-Cana Classes required.

Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Religious Education Classes: (MR) Coordinator: Steve Puluka (412) 897- 4650.

GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Margaret Beluinas (412) 331-3577 for membership requirements.

Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Dean Poloka (412) 877-9351.

Carpatho-Rusyn Radio Broadcast: Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WPIT 730 AM.

Social Hall Rental: (MR) Contact Church Office.

New & Returning Parishioners: Welcome! Please register by phoning the Church Office.

Remember the Church in Your Will: Please be so kind as to remember the Church in your last will and testament. This helps to secure its future & a Byzantine Catholic witness to all!

## THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us glorify the Most Holy Spirit (Matins of Pentecost Sunday).

August 21, 2016

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VI, Number 34



Glory to Jesus Christ! — Glory Forever!  
Slava Isusu Christu!! — Slava Na Viki!



### Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive of the Dormition Feast — Annual Church Picnic, Robinson

SUN., Aug 21 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes  
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Jay Mowery A. Velma Seman

Mon, Aug 22 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anne Hrebenak Maria, Luke & Anita Iyengar  
(13<sup>th</sup> ann of passing)

Tue, Aug 23 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Lou Evans Gunkel Family  
(1<sup>st</sup> ann of passing)

Wed, Aug 24 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Kasarda Dickerson Family

Thrs, Aug 25 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna Budul Sylvia & Robert Hornak

**REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE** (no meat) or **Equivalent Penance** (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross

Fri, Aug 26 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Helen Dziki + Alex & Sony Bilak

Sat Aug 27 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Stefan + Maria + Stefan + Josef Michael Lorinc

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + George Hornak Cousin: Irene Bordas



## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Aug 28 9:00 a.m. (MR) + John Kulka Children: Kathy & John  
(10<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 8/26)

11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

## General Announcements

All Birthdays will be published in SOT each week so that prayers may be offered on these special occasions. Please advise the Church office if your special day does not appear or if you wish your date not be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners

**Birthdays:** Aug 21 – Carmella Marie Rippole; Aug 22 – Claudia Verner; Aug 23 – John Hirsch; Aug 26 – Edward Spontak, II, Lori Lee Rippole; Aug 27 – Ilona Goyda.

### Pray For the Ill, Infirm & Shut-ins of Our Parishes

**HOME:** Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Debra Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, GERARD SLAGLE, ANNA TOTH, JOHN VEREB, Claudia Verner, Julia Wovchko.

**MAPLEWOOD PC HOME** (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Susan Dragosh, Doris Naughton, Linda Reiger.

**MASONIC VILLAGE** (1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

**THE ARBORS III AT ST. BARNABAS** (6005 Valencia Rd, Apt. 7, Gibsonsia, PA 15044): Eleanor Kapko.

**MARIAN MANOR** (2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh, 15220): MICHAEL BARBUSH, Irene Bednar.

**CHIPPEWA PLACE** (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.

**WEST HILL REHABILITATION** (951 Broadhead Road, Corapolis, PA 15108): Margaret Beluinas.

### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

**Q.** My aunt wants to keep her husband's cremated remains on a shelf in her living room. Is this in keeping with Church teaching? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** No. The (U.S.) Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship says the following: Any catechesis on the subject of cremation should emphasize that the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. While cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium or even buried at sea, the practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or **keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.** The cremated remains of the body may be properly buried at sea in the urn, coffin, or other container in which they have been carried to the place of committal. ("Cremation and Burial at Sea")



## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ

**August 21 — August 27, 2016**

(MR): In memory of Joe Babin

offered by Wife: Gerry

(NS): In memory of Helen & Mary Kobulnicky

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2016

offered by Anonymous

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2016





## Holy Ghost, McKees Rocks

**SYMPATHY EXTENDED** — The *Spirit of Truth* was recently made aware of the passing of **Dorothy 'Dottie' M. Lucas Yankel, 85**, of Boardman, OH, on Thursday, August 4, 2016. She is the sister (in-law) of parishioners George (Peggi) Lucas; Aunt of Andrea (Steven) Usouski; and great-aunt of Maddie and Alaina Usouski. A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, Aug. 8. Interment took place at St. John the Baptist Roman Rite Church Cemetery, Campbell, OH. Our Holy Ghost Parish extends its most sincere sympathy to the families. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servant, Dorothy, and remember her forever! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'.



### UZHOROD SEMINARIANS TO SING SLAVONIC DIVINE LITURGY HERE IN McKEES ROCKS

The Orientale Lumen Foundation announces that a third Seminary Concert Tour is



scheduled to take place September 11 through October 2 at Byzantine Catholic parishes and other sites throughout the Northeastern United States. The choir will include 16 Rusyn Seminarians from the Blessed Theodore Romzha Seminary in Uzhorod, Transcarpathia, Ukraine who will **chant the**

**responses to a Church Slavonic Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 18, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.** Many priests from Europe now serve in Byzantine Catholic parishes across the U.S. Other parishes will host a concert which will be free and open to the public. A collection will be taken for them. Once their travel expenses have been met the remaining funds will be donated for their education and formation. A reception will then follow in the school gym in order to meet them. Please mark your calendars so that we may provide a nice attendance.

**GROUNDS CLEANUP SLATED FORTHCOMING** — The weeds and bushes surrounding our



Holy Ghost Church really grew over the past few months. It's time now to cut them back. We can't do it without your cooperation! We surely need your help on **Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** To keep our grounds tidied encourages our neighbors to have civic pride and demonstrates that we care for God's Church and the important gift it is to the community. Again, please circle this date on your calendar to assist us!

We need you!!!

## Holy Ghost, Northside

**GROUNDS CLEANUP FORTHCOMING** — The weeds and bushes surrounding our Holy Ghost Church really grew over the past few months. It's time now to cut them back. We can't do it without your cooperation! We surely need your help on **Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** To keep our grounds tidied encourages our neighbors to have civic pride and demonstrates that we care for God's Church and the important gift it is to the community. Also, if you cannot work outside, the Church floor needs mopped and pews dusted. Again, please circle this date on your calendar to assist us! We need you!!!



## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### God Invites all to the Wedding Banquet

(Matthew 22: 1-14)

In today's parable of the Wedding Banquet, the Father has prepared for His Son a wedding, and the Father sends out servants to invite people to attend this great occasion. He sends out servants with invitations not just one time, but three times, and the responses are varied. The first group of servants is simply ignored; the invited are not willing to come. The second group of servants is mocked, and some of the invited just leave and go back to their business, and others take the servants and abuse them and even kill them. The final group is sent to a different audience—instead of a select few being invited to the wedding, these servants are sent on the highways to invite anyone they might see. And finally, the wedding hall is filled with guests. We find ourselves, obviously, to be in the final group. The king has called everyone, but even then, to attend, there are expectations! The guests are expected to be properly attired. **This one man had not worn his wedding garment.** The Church Fathers tell us this lapse is so terrible because the Host/the King had provided the wedding garments for his guests to wear. He has no excuse not be dressed and ready for the wedding. **The wedding garment is our baptismal robe**, and all that goes with it: The purity of our lives, having died to the old man and being clothed in the new man, being clothed in Christ. Once we say "yes" to Christ, there are expectations. If you love Me, Christ says, keep My commandments. We're expected not to just continue doing whatever we want to do, but we are expected to take up our Cross daily and follow Christ wherever He may lead us. If we just keep doing whatever we want, and live in mortal sin, we're still the master in our lives. We'll be just like this man who arrived at the wedding but didn't have his wedding garment. It would be a horrible thing to discover that the invitation was open to all (as it is), but that we had not prepared ourselves to be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom



### Pope Comments on the "Doors of Mercy"

Dear Brothers and Sisters: A bishop, the other day, told me that in his cathedral and in other churches he had made entry and exit doors of mercy. "Why did you do this?" — "Because one door is to enter by, to ask forgiveness, and to receive Jesus' mercy; the other is the door of mercy to exit by, in order to take mercy to others, with our works of mercy". This bishop is intelligent! Let us also do the same with the journey that goes from the heart to the hands: let us enter the church through the door of mercy, to receive the forgiveness of Jesus, who tells us: "Arise! Go, go!"; and with this "Go!" — on foot — let us leave through the exit door. It is the Church going forth: the journey of mercy which goes from the heart to the hands. Make this journey!



**"Never abandon prayer, even when it seems pointless to pray"**

— Pope Francis

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 21 ..... Annual Parish Picnic, Robinson Clever Road, beginning @ 1:00 pm.  
 August 28 ...Pilgrimage II: Franciscan University: Jubilee Blessing by walking thru the Doors of Mercy.  
 August 29 ..... Feast of Beheading of St. John the Baptist: (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.  
 September 1 ..... Commencement of the New Ecclesiastical (Church) Year.  
 ..... E.C.F. Teacher Meeting in the Church Office @ 7:00 p.m.  
 September 3-4 ..... 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina.  
 September 8 ..... Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos – (MR) 9:00 am & (NS) 6:00 pm.  
 September 11. Archieparchial Celebration of Marriage for Jubilarians at St. Elias Church, Munhall @ 3:00 pm  
 September 10-11 ..... (MR) Coffee Social commences following the weekend Divine Liturgies.  
 September 17 ..... Commencement of a new Slavjane Season following the 4:00 p.m. DL.  
 September 18 Catechetical Sunday & Commissioning of the Catechists. Beginning of ECF school year.  
 Rusyn Seminarians from the Eparchy of Mukachevo will sing a Slavonic Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.

## Saints of the Week

### The Holy Martyrs Adrian & Natalie – Aug. 26

The Martyrs Adrian and Natalie were married in their youth for one year prior to their martyrdom, and lived in Nicomedia during the time of the emperor Maximian (305-311). The emperor promised a reward to whomever would inform on Christians to bring them to trial. Then the denunciations began. Adrian, the head of the praetorium, watched as Christians suffered with such courage for their faith. Seeing how firmly and fearlessly they confessed Christ, asked: "What rewards do you expect from your God for your suffering?" The martyrs replied: "Such rewards as we are not able to describe, nor can your mind comprehend." St Adrian told the scribes, "Write my name down also, for I am a Christian and I die gladly for Christ God." The scribes reported this to the emperor, who summoned St Adrian and asked: "Really, have you gone mad, that you want to die? Come, cross out your name from the lists and offer sacrifice to the gods, asking their forgiveness." St Adrian answered: "I have not lost my mind, but rather have I found it." Maximian then ordered Adrian to be thrown into prison. His wife, St Natalie, knowing that her husband was to suffer for Christ, rejoiced, since she herself was secretly a Christian. She hastened to the prison and encouraged her husband saying: "**You are blessed, my lord, because you have believed in Christ. You have obtained a great treasure. Do not regret anything earthly, neither beauty, nor youth (Adrian was then 28 years of age), nor riches. Everything worldly is dust and ashes. Only faith and good deeds are pleasing to God.**" .... They tortured St Adrian cruelly. The emperor advised the saint to have pity on himself and call on the gods, but the martyr answered: "Let your gods say what blessings they promise me, and then I shall worship them, but if they cannot do this, then why should I worship them?" St Natalie did not cease to encourage her husband. She asked him also to pray to God for her, that they would not force her into marriage with a pagan after his death. The executioner ordered the hands and the legs of the saints to be broken on the anvil. St Natalie, fearing that her husband would hesitate on seeing the sufferings of the other martyrs, asked the executioner to begin with him, and permit her to put his hands and legs on the anvil herself. They wanted to burn the bodies of the saints, but a storm arose and the fire went out. Many of the executioners even were struck by lightning. St Natalie took the hand of her husband and kept it at home. Soon an army commander asked the emperor's approval to wed St Natalie, who was both young and rich. But she hid herself away in Byzantium. St Adrian appeared to her in a dream and said that she would soon be at rest in the Lord. The martyr, worn out by her former sufferings, in fact soon fell asleep in the Lord.



## General Announcements

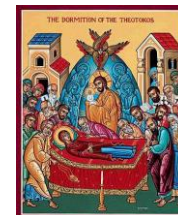
**PARISH PICNIC TODAY IN ROBINSON; BRING A LOUNGE CHAIR** — Several tickets have been purchased for today's annual social gathering and picnic. If you have not purchased a ticket, please feel free to bring a picnic basket like we did in the "olden days!" We will meet at Robinson Park, Rotary Shelter, 115 Robinson Pool Drive, McKees Rocks 15136 this afternoon at **1:00 p.m.** with various activities. **The food buffet will be served at 1:30 p.m.** At **2:15 p.m.** the wonderful and talented Slavjane Folk Ensemble will entertain us with a half hour performance. Following, games will continue, and those who wish to swim may have the opportunity to do so. All Holy Ghost attendees are admitted to the pool for a special admission price. Parents, please encourage the children to attend the Slavjane show; this performance hopes to solicit new members of all ages. The Church will treat pizza to the Slavjane following the performance. The picnic will extend to 6:00 p.m. It is a good time to get to get acquainted with one another as a parish family.



**82<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE** — Labor Day weekend is just about here. This has always been a time to make an Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina. It is there that we present our petitions before Our Blessed Mother for our needs and supplicate her assistance. We all have needs and something to be thankful for. *You will also have the opportunity of receiving the Jubilee Indulgence Blessing walking through the designated doors of Mercy.* Make the sacrifice and attend the Otpust (Pilgrimage) this year on **Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** and/or **Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.** See the flyer in the narthex of the church!



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS PAST WEEK** — Last Monday, Aug. 15 was **THE FEAST OF THE DOMMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD** and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Canon Law of our Byzantine Catholic Church states: *"The Christian faithful are bound by the obligation to participate on Sundays and feast days (Holy Days of Obligation) at the Divine Liturgy ...." (Canon 881#1); and "are recommended to receive the Divine Eucharist on these days ..." (Canon 881 #3); "and should abstain from those labors or business matters which impede the worship to be rendered to God ...." (Canon 881 #4). Neglectful fulfillment of this precept renders one guilty of mortal sin, therefore, unworthy to receive the Holy Eucharist, until one makes a worthy sacramental Confession of this voluntary neglect.*



**PILGRIMAGE FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY, TRIP II NEXT WEEK** — To extend an opportunity to receive the special Jubilee Indulgence, our HGCs are organizing a car pool to **Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH, Christ the King Chapel**, a designated site, and to pass through the Doors of Mercy. We will gather at HGC (MR) at 2:00 p.m., then travel to Munhall. We will then have dinner (at one's own cost) at a local restaurant. To prepare and receive the **Plenary Indulgence**, the following requirements must be made: (1) Have a distaste for sin, and to resolve not to sin again; (2) pass through the designated Holy Doors; (3) make a Sacramental Confession of sins (within 20 days); (4) Receive Holy Communion the day one passes through the Holy Doors; and (4) pray the Our Father and Nicean Creed for the intentions of the Holy Father. If these requirements are not made, a **Partial Indulgence** may be received. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity and be blessed with this special Jubilee Indulgence.



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OF MERCY